Dear Parents,

This week we will begin sending home books with your children. This letter will be your guide to the types of reading materials you will find in their green bags, and how to use the materials at home.



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| **What?** | **Purpose** | **How you can practise** |
| **Poem** | Every week grade 1 will be reviewing a poem in the classroom. This poem may link to our current unit of study or will focus on a particular reading skill we feel is important. | * Read the poem to your child. * Listen to your child read the poem to you. * Read the poem together * Ask your child to tell you about the poem |
| **2 take home books** | These books are at your child’s reading level. They should be able to read these books quite well without much help. | * Listen to your child read the story. * Ask the who, what, when, where, why and how questions about the book. |
| **Guided Reading** | This book is a slightly challenging book that will prepare your child to move up levels. The teacher has read this book with your child. They have also helped with vocabulary and comprehension. | * Read this book together. * Listen to your child read the story. * Ask the who, what, when, where, why and how questions about the book. |
| **Library book** | This book is chosen by the student during library class. It’s changed on the day of library every week. This book is probably a book of interest. This may not be at your child’s reading level or written in English. | * Ask your child why they chose the book * Talk about other books like this one |

It is crucial that you read these several times throughout the week. It will help build confidence and improve the fluency of your child.

These books are not the only reading materials that you can be reading at home! Don’t forget that you can always read comics, magazines, home language books and/or environmental print (signs, cereal boxes, posters, game instructions, etc.)